Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

September 30, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

We urgently write to you today requesting guidance from your administration on how Members of Congress and our offices can, and should, respond to the thousands of requests we are receiving from Americans, constituents, and Afghan allies still stuck under Taliban control in Kabul and throughout Afghanistan.

Congressional offices have been the primary, and often only, point of contact for thousands of men, women, and children surviving under a brutal Taliban regime. We continue to directly receive horrific evidence, such as videos, photographs, and audio messages documenting the destruction and harm inflicted on our constituents and American allies at the hands of the Taliban. For many of those who have reached out to our offices, we are their first point of contact. We are the ones who are giving them hope that the United States has not forgotten their service to our country and that we will honor our promise not to leave them behind to a fate of near certain death.

We feel it is the duty of your administration to immediately issue guidance for Members of Congress on how we can best assist those who reach out to our office requesting immediate direction. These Americans and our allies have asked us whether they can leave for the airport, information how to get through Taliban roadblocks, what flights out of the country they will be on, and many other questions that need an immediate response. Now that the United States has fully withdrawn from Afghanistan and our military has stopped facilitating evacuations, this guidance is even more necessary. Providing those still in the country with information on possible evacuations, what documentation may be necessary, and what options they have is the least we can do to help those we have left behind. With proper guidance, we will be able to provide the most up to date information to keep these Americans and allies safe while the situation in Afghanistan continues to deteriorate.

Mr. President, please immediately provide your partners in Congress with the ability to help those most vulnerable in Afghanistan. We must bring all Americans home to safety and ensure our allies still stranded in the country can get out of harm's way as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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